

SENATOR WILLIE C. ESPERO

YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY TACKLES DEBRIS IN KALAELOA



On October 4th, the **Youth Challenge Academy** with 130 enrollees embarked upon a mission with Senator Espero to clean up the debris accumulated along **Roosevelt Avenue** in Kalaeloa from gate to gate. Senator Espero coordinated the clean up endeavor with the Department of Transportation of which provided gloves, trash bags and a dump truck to immediately haul the collected rubbish to the landfill.

Gentry Homes, Haseko, and the Estate of James Campbell showed their appreciation for this community beautification project by donating the funds to treat the Youth Challenge volunteers with bentos and drinks afterwards.



The **Youth Challenge Academy** is a federal and state funded program that targets at-risk high school students between the ages of 16 and 18. The Hawaii National Guard in partnership with the Department of Education and other state agencies, pull together to support this educational program that develops the three “Rs”: Responsibility; Respect; Resourcefulness; and above all, help our at risk students become productive and respected members of our society.

Students live at facilities located in Kalaeloa. Adopting Roosevelt Avenue is a community project they can be proud of and is close enough to home whereby they can relish in their own accomplishment. We can show them our appreciation by keeping the roadway just the way they left it and by calling 673-7530 to tell the Director, Mr. Wally Mitsui, how grateful we are as a community for their efforts and for doing such an outstanding job while at it.

